

Newsletter

May 4, 2018

- **May 5 First Communion for grade 3 St.Thomas Church 11:00 mass**
- **May 10 Mass at 12:10 for the Feast of the Ascension**
- **May 11 Golf Tournament**
- **May 15 Early Dismissal Professional Learning Community for Faculty**
- **May 17 Dress Down Day Fund raiser for H.S.A.**
- **May 24 Talent Show & Art Show**

The last day of school for grades one through seven will be June 21st. June 20th and June 21st will be early dismissal days (12:07). PreK step up will take place on Friday, June 15th at 9:00 and Kindergarten graduation will take place on Monday, June 18, at 9:00.

Grade eight will graduate on June 8th at the Church of St .Dominic at 7:00p.m.

Lawn Signs- Help promote our school by placing a Southington Catholic School lawn sign in your front yard. Signs are available now from the Advancement Office. Thank you.

Parent Ambassadors- Our parents are the most effective recruiters for our school. A well satisfied current parent can be a great asset in introducing a prospective family to SCS. We are looking for current parents willing to be that welcoming voice to new families. Your student could be the first new friend to an incoming student. Please contact malexander@southingtoncatholicschool.org for more information or if you would like to volunteer as a Parent Ambassador.

From the Nurse's desk:

Tick Awareness

(Information adapted from the CDC)

While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against ticks year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active.

Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- Walk in the center of trails.

Repel Ticks on Skin and Clothing (See CDC website. Link below.)

Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks thoroughly.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.
- Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed. If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks effectively. If the

clothes cannot be washed in hot water, tumble dry on low heat for 90 minutes or high heat for 60 minutes. The clothes should be warm and completely dry. *CDC 2018*

Full information from the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html

CT DPH: <http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Infectious-Diseases/Tickborne/Prevent-Lyme-Disease>

You Gotta Believe Basketball Camp

Bret Nichols, Director of high school counseling department, author, motivational speaker and professional basketball player who played in Ireland, England and against the world famous Harlem Globetrotters as player/coach of the New York Nationals is offering the ***You Gotta Believe*** Basketball Camp with his coaches. The camp will provide:

- Development of basketball fundamentals and competitive games
- Daily contests, prizes, and give-a-ways for each camper
- Award ceremony on final day of camp
- Fully insured, safe environment

Camp is open to girls and boys entering grades 2 – 9.

Campers will be competitively split up into age, gender and ability groups to challenge their potential.

You will receive an email confirmation and your check will be cashed/card charged as soon as we have confirmed camp. Camp will be held at Southington Catholic School.

Camp #18 SOUTHINGTON JUNE 25 – 29 1 – 5pm

H.S.A. Newsletter

Last Chance! If you are still in need of **Commitment Hours** please read the Golf Tournament announcement below. This will be the last planned opportunity to complete your Commitment Hours for this year. Commitment Hours can be obtained through the Golf Tournament sponsorship opportunities described below.

Our annual golf tournament is on Friday, May 11, 2018. Information and brochures have been sent home with your child. For those interested in golfing that day, please send in your registration forms and payment now. We are also seeking sponsorships for the tournament as well.

This is another opportunity to fulfill your commitment hours! The golf committee is looking for help with getting sponsorships and donations for the tournament. As the end of the year draws closer and opportunities for commitment hours are more limited, please consider one of the options below to help acquire those hours before the end of the school year!

You will be given one (1) hour of credit for every \$25 dollars that you secure with a donation. For an example, if you obtain a \$25 gift card from a restaurant, you will be given one (1) hour credit towards your commitment hours. Another example, if you obtain a tee sponsorship for \$150 you will receive six (6) hours credit towards your commitment hours.

You can obtain these sponsorships or donations by going into the community and asking businesses, friends, employers or co-workers for their support. Additional info can be found in the packet and that was sent home with your child. **Please contact Stephanie Benoit if you have any questions at scsgolfcommittee@gmail.com.**

Our two remaining **Script Orders** for this school year are May 21, 2018 and June 4, 2018. Consider Script for your end of year teacher gifts. Stock up on those gift cards to get you through summer! Doing your shopping with Script is a great way to save time and support our school! A list of participating vendors can be found on our school website under the Parents Tab and then Script Retailers or by <http://southingtoncatholicschool.org/documents/hsa/128-scrip-retailers-1/file>. Please forward your orders to the office by this date.

Save the date! An **Art Night** is scheduled for June 1, 2018 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. This is an adult/parent event. More information to come so keep watch for the flyer which will be out soon. This will be a fun evening for parents to get together.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **H.S.A. Meeting** Tuesday night. Our Next H.S.A Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2018 at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. This will be the last H.S.A. Meeting for this school year. Commitment Hours are given for attendance at H.S.A. Meetings.

June 12, 2018 will be our end of school **Family Picnic** which will be held at Recreation Park in Southington. An informational flyer will be circulated soon. This promises to be a fun evening for us all to celebrate a successful year and look forward to the coming summer break!